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### PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON WILDERNESS PROPOSAL IN OHIO

A proposal to designate approximately 82 acres within the West Sister Island National Wildlife Refuge, Lucas County, Ohio, as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System will be discussed at a public hearing October 15, in Oregon, Ohio, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The refuge, established in 1938, is an island located in the west end of Lake Erie, about 20 miles east of Toledo. The island is attractive as a nesting site for herons, egrets, mallards, and black ducks. Large numbers of gulls also use the island. All 82 acres of the West Sister Island National Wildlife Refuge are being recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

A map and other information about the West Sister Island Wilderness proposal is available from the Refuge Manager, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Route 3, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

Oral or written statements may be submitted at the hearing or written comments can be sent to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Twin Cities, by November 30, when the hearing record will be closed.

The October 15 hearing begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building in Oregon. Formal notice was published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1969.

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